(d) the details of the proposals that are pending with Government; and

(e) the steps taken by Government for clearance thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The State Government of Gujarat submitted seven projects schemes for development of tourism in the State during 1993-94. All the projects|schemes amounting to Rs. 65.76 lakhs have since been sanctioned. The details of the projects|schemes sanctioned locationwise with amount are given below:

Sl. No.	Name of the project/scheme	Amout sanctioned (Rs. in lakhs)
1.	Tourist complex at Nalsarovar	19.68
2.	Cafetaria at Porbandar	14.67
3.	Floodlighting of Somnath Temple	17.43
4.	Two units of spirit type land sailing yatch	4.43
5.	Navratri Festival	1.85
6.	Tarnetar Fair	2.69
7.	Publicity support	5.00

During 1994-95 seven projects/schemes have been received from the State Government of Gujarat. Out of these, five proposals have been referred back to the State Government as they were incomplete. One proposal for the construction of a Tourist Lodge at Kuda has been sanctioned for Rs. 14.50 lakhs, Financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 1.69 lakh was sanctioned for organising the Tarnetar Fair.

Life of aircraft

178. SHRI K. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the age of each aircraft that is being flown by private airlines or air taxi operators in the country;

(b) whether Government are satisfied about the air-worthiness and safety of these aircraft;

(c) whether most of these aircraft have been taken on lease from Western airlines which have stopped operating them; and

(d) the number of years each of these aircraft is expected to be in operation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Age of each aircraft flown by Private Airlines and Air Taxi operators are at Annexure. (*See* Appendix 173, annexure No. 5).

(b) All aircraft flying in the country are required to obtain an Airworthiness certificate from the Director General of Civil Aviation.

(c) Out of total number of 64 aircraft operated by private airlines/air taxi operators 26 are taken on lease from foreign agencies. The previous operators had not stopped using these aircrafts.

(d) No life is specified for modern transport aircraft. The aircraft may continue in operation as long as they are airworthy.